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Good Morning! I'd like to start this morning off with some nice letters we've received from citizens. We may not always hear feedback directly, but our citizens do notice the quality of service they receive from our City team. Thank you to all employees who make our city an excellent community to live and work!

I received this first one this week in an email entitled "Taxes" (I honestly didn't expect the following message, but I sure appreciated it!):

Mr. Stuckey

I hear people complain about taxes all the time. My opinion is, although I may not agree with everything done by the City of Franklin, I am grateful for the city services. My trash and recycle is picked up every Monday, 911 calls are answered quickly, response by Police, Fire and Ambulance is excellent, pot holes are fixed in a timely order, sewer services are inspected and cleaned on a regular basis and I feel safe at night downtown. (sorry for the run on sentence) I feel I get my monies worth!!! Please forward a thank you to all the departments you oversee.

**Sincerely,
H. E. Farmer
27 year resident of Franklin**

Mayor Moore and I have received numerous comments this week about how proud our citizen are of the community and City-led response honoring SPC Jason Edens at his funeral service and procession. Here is just a sampling:

Mayor Moore,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the employees of Franklin for their participation in the funeral procession of Spc. Jason Edens this past Saturday. My family is members of the Franklin Elks Lodge and even though none of us knew this young man we participated in front of Nolen. When the fire department brought out their ladder trucks and proceeded to raise the American Flag over Columbia Pike, everyone around us had tears. Watching the city organize to show their support for this fallen soldier and his family was so heartfelt and made me so proud to live in such an incredible community! Thank you for allowing all of the employees to come out in their finest that day!

**Stacy Whitson
Tenco Services, Inc.**

*Ken,
The City of Franklin went above and beyond for the funeral of Jason Edens.
I was riding in the Patriot Guard and it was great to see the Patriotism shown.*

Thank You
Tim Judge
Project Coordinator

Congratulations to **Kevin Comstock** in the Engineering Department! The Institute of Transportation Engineers has invited Kevin to be a guest speaker at their Annual Meeting & Exhibit **“Advancing Transportation Knowledge & Practice” held in Atlanta Georgia**. Kevin will be speaking about **Sustainable Transportation Solutions**. This conference is designed to share knowledge, expertise and ideas on multifaceted approaches to addressing transportation issues and to exploring emerging trends in the industry.

More than 100 Franklin Police Officers and civilian employees, along with their guests, attended **The 2nd Annual Knights in Blue Gala**, a formal dinner and awards banquet organized and hosted by the **Citizens’ Police Academy Alumni Association**. It was my great honor to attend this event again this year. It was inspiring to hear the stories of service, sacrifice, and achievement of our team of talented professionals within the Police Department. It was also special that this recognition was driven by our citizens, who wanted to express their appreciation to our Police. The following Franklin Police employees were recognized at last night’s event, held at The Factory:

Chief’s Award, given to the officer who most exemplifies, in their every-day work, the three words worn on the sleeves of every Franklin Police Officer: Professional, Progressive, Responsive : **Officer James Phillips**

Jackie Moore Award, given to the officer whose every-day work product is reflective of the service and values displayed throughout retired Franklin Police Chief Jackie Moore’s career: **Patrick Tippit**

Officer of the Year: Officer Brigham VanHook

Detective of the Year: Detective Chad Pace

Dispatcher of the Year: Sarah Ginter

Innovation Award, given to the officer whose ‘outside of the box’ vision has made notable differences in the reduction of crime and increased quality of life for Franklin citizens: **Sergeant Jack Morgan**

Impact Award, given to the officer whose technological contributions have helped to keep the Franklin PD cutting edge in their use of computer technology in an electronic era: **Sergeant David Prather**

Sober Streets Award, given to the officer who had the most notable contribution in the Department’s efforts to detect, arrest, and prosecute impaired drivers: **Officer Cory Kroeger**

Medal of Valor: Officers Brad Dorman and Brett Spivy for their selfless pursuit and capture of an

armed pharmacy robbery suspect.

Medal of Life: **Sergeant JP Taylor** and **Officer Leigh Ann Hester** for their heroic actions that saved the lives of two citizens.

Outstanding Investigation Medal: **Detective Darren Barnes** for his investigation of a cell phone theft ring tied to terrorist groups in Somalia that use cell phones to detonate explosive devices. Detective Barnes is also a **2011 recipient of the Department of Justice Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement** for his work in identifying and arresting a serial bank robber.

I want to congratulate all those honored and thank our entire Police Team for their outstanding service to the community.

Admin's Vicki Parr is the NEW winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! **Eric Stuckey (me) nominated Vicki.** (Deann Kraft of Revenue Management called and told us she already won and didn't want to take the spot again. Sorry for the mistake on our part...we just LOVE Deann...and so do many others who have nominated her) Now back to **Vicki**, Eric said, "I would like to nominate Vicki for her excellent work in handling event logistics for the State of the City. She jumped in and handled it all like a pro! Thanks." **Vicki** will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, May 14-18. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at agoodjob@franklintn.gov.** We have had many repeat Good Job Employees, think of someone who has not received this honor before and recognize their hard work...It doesn't have to be in City Hall!

Have a nice weekend. Thank you for all you do!

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